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TOPIC Gross Deella Airfield

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1. The following information was obtained from [REDACTED] interviews:
 - a. Gross Dölln airfield was occupied by [REDACTED] April 1955.¹
 - b. About 27,000 square meters of wooded area were cut north of the field to as far as Vietmannsdorf. Hangars were allegedly to be established in this area.²
 - c. Several persons were arrested in Gross Dölln in early April 1955. An employee of the pay office and 2 tractor drivers were released after being held for 24-hours, while an employee of the office in charge of job assignment was still detained. A construction superintendent and an excavation foreman fled to West Berlin. 25X1
 - d. A combined airfield and seaplane base for the Soviets was to be constructed on Usedom Island by the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg. Some of the personnel in Gross Dölln would be transferred to Usedom and had already been informed about their transfer.³
2. During the period from 23 to 29 April, individual flying by Il-28s was observed on 23, 27, 28 and 29 April. Between 25 and 29 April, Li-2s repeatedly landed at the field and material was unloaded from the aircraft. During the period under review, 26 Il-28s were repeatedly counted on the dispersal areas near the eastern end of the runway and taxiway. The strength of air force personnel was estimated at 800 men.¹
3. The officers and EM were quartered in the headquarters buildings and in about 12 barracks. They had their meals in separate messhalls.
4. Ground radio installations

The inner landing beacon was located in Jagen (forest sub-district) 184, in the extension of the runway, at the edge of the slope to Gross Cellin Lake. A radio truck and a small tent were observed nearby. A PKV-45 DF station with a four-cornered tent in the middle was located in the northeastern corner of Jagen 114. The masts were braced at 3 places. A cable lead from the middle of each mast to the roof of the tent. About 60 meters to the east were 2 masts of which the first was about 4 meters high and located about 12 meters farther eastward, and the second mast was 6 meters high. Both masts were braced by guy wires. A van-like truck was close to the 6-meter mast. A tent was observed north of this radio installation close to a weed path. The radio installations were occupied by 1 NCO and 4 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Jagen 114 and 148 had been cleared of weed, while Jagen 113 and 147 remained unchanged.

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5. Motor vehicles

The motor vehicles which were parked on the parking site east of the headquarters building were in very good status. Each vehicle was surrounded by a low brick wall (not shrapnelproof walls). Vehicles parked there included 16 tank trucks of which 2 were 5-axle semitrailer trucks with double tires. The Soviet drivers who spoke a little German stated that the large tank trucks had a capacity of 15,000 liters. These tank trucks had not been observed at the field before. Five other tank trucks, each holding about 8,000 liters, 3 medium and 8 small tank trucks, all without trailers, were observed there. A light gray sedan

allegedly the commanders' car, was parked in front of the headquarters building.

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25X16. Ammunition dump

Lately, ammunition dump I in Jagen 115/116 has been referred to as the main ammunition dump. The northern section of the second track to the east was jointed (fish plates) and the railbed ballasted. The other section of the track will be completed upon reconstruction of the roadbed. Wood was being cut on both ~~embankment~~ embankment and west of the first spur track. The concrete ramps between the storage sheds had no inclination and were about 1.2 meters high. The concrete ramp in front of storage shed 1 had a 1.2-meter-high slope. The rails which extended from storage sheds 2 and 3 to the spur track were blocked in front of the spur track by a narrow concrete tie about 30 cm high. These ties were about in line with the rails of the spur track.

The new ammunition dump II was referred to as "Waldlager" II. Work was completed on the spur track which extended across the Gross Deella-Zehdenick road into Jagen 121. Construction sheds were built at the southern end of the track and the cutting of wood was started.⁵

7. Construction work

The framework of the two-story guardhouse with a flat roof was completed at the Vietmannsdorf-Gross Deella road.

No work was done at the flight control station, the heating station or the new fuel dump.

Masonry work was started by the Bauunion Magdeburg in two foundation ditches east of the Finnish steam bath. Construction sheds were erected at the borders of Jagen 126/95 and 125/94. South of this site additional foundation ditches, allegedly for buildings, were excavated. Work was completed on the track to the workshop area in Jagen 162. The track had 3 branch tracks of which the northern one extended across the Gross Deella-Vietmannsdorf road. Two large mixers were observed near the workshops at the southern track. Cement storage sheds, gravel and chipping pits were seen near the middle track. Along this track extended an embankment on which the cranes loaded with gravel and chippings moved.

Excavation work for a concrete road was done from the E-W road at the first bend from the western section at the southern end of the N-S lane. The new road which was scheduled to be 6 meters wide was to lead to the Gross Deella-Zehdenick road.⁶

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1. Comment. Gross Deella airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with about 26 Il-28s. 25X1
2. Comment. Clearing of this wooded area has repeatedly been reported. 25X1
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3. Comment. According to various indications, Garz airfield is to be improved. 25X1
4. Comment. This is the first information on stationary radio installations which were established in connection with the occupation of the airfield. 25X1
5. Comment. A second track was laid to ammunition dump I and a second ammunition dump is under construction in Jagen 121/122. 25X1
6. Comment. For location of construction sites, see Map GSGS 4414, Sheet 2946/47. The road from the dispersal areas near Klein Deella directly connects to ammunition dump I. 25X1

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